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**STATUS INQUIRY**

The above-referenced case is currently pending and we have not received any substantive correspondence from the office in some time. Please advise us of when we can expect to receive a substantive communication.

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